



REPORTABLE DISEASE

DESK REFERENCE

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FOREWORD

In the United States, requirements for reporting diseases are mandated by state laws or regulations, and the list of reportable diseases in each state varies. The *Kentucky Disease Surveillance Administrative Regulations* 902 KAR 2:020 require reporting of Communicable Diseases to the local health departments and the Kentucky Department for Public Health. Additionally, state health departments report cases of selected diseases to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Notifiable Disease Surveillance System (NNDSS), on a weekly basis. These data are published weekly in the *Morbidity Mortality Weekly Report* (MMWR). An updated final report is published annually in the *Summary of Notifiable Diseases*.

With the 2003 version of the desk reference, we have tried to adhere as closely as possible to the case definitions developed by the CDC and the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE), published in "Case Definitions for Public Health Surveillance", MMWR 1997; 46:RR-10 and available on the CDC's Epidemiology Program Office website, <http://www.cdc.gov/epo/dphsi/casedef/index.htm>. As uniform case definitions are adopted by the states, the incidence of reported diseases in different geographic areas may be more meaningfully compared at the local, state, and national levels.

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REPORT FORMS AND WORKSHEETS

This reference contains the most current versions for all disease report forms and worksheets. **All forms and worksheets are listed with each disease and should be photocopied from this reference book as needed.** (Exceptions as noted.)

Report of Verified Case of Tuberculosis (CDC 72.9 A and B) may be obtained by calling the Tuberculosis Control Program: 502-564-4276.

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